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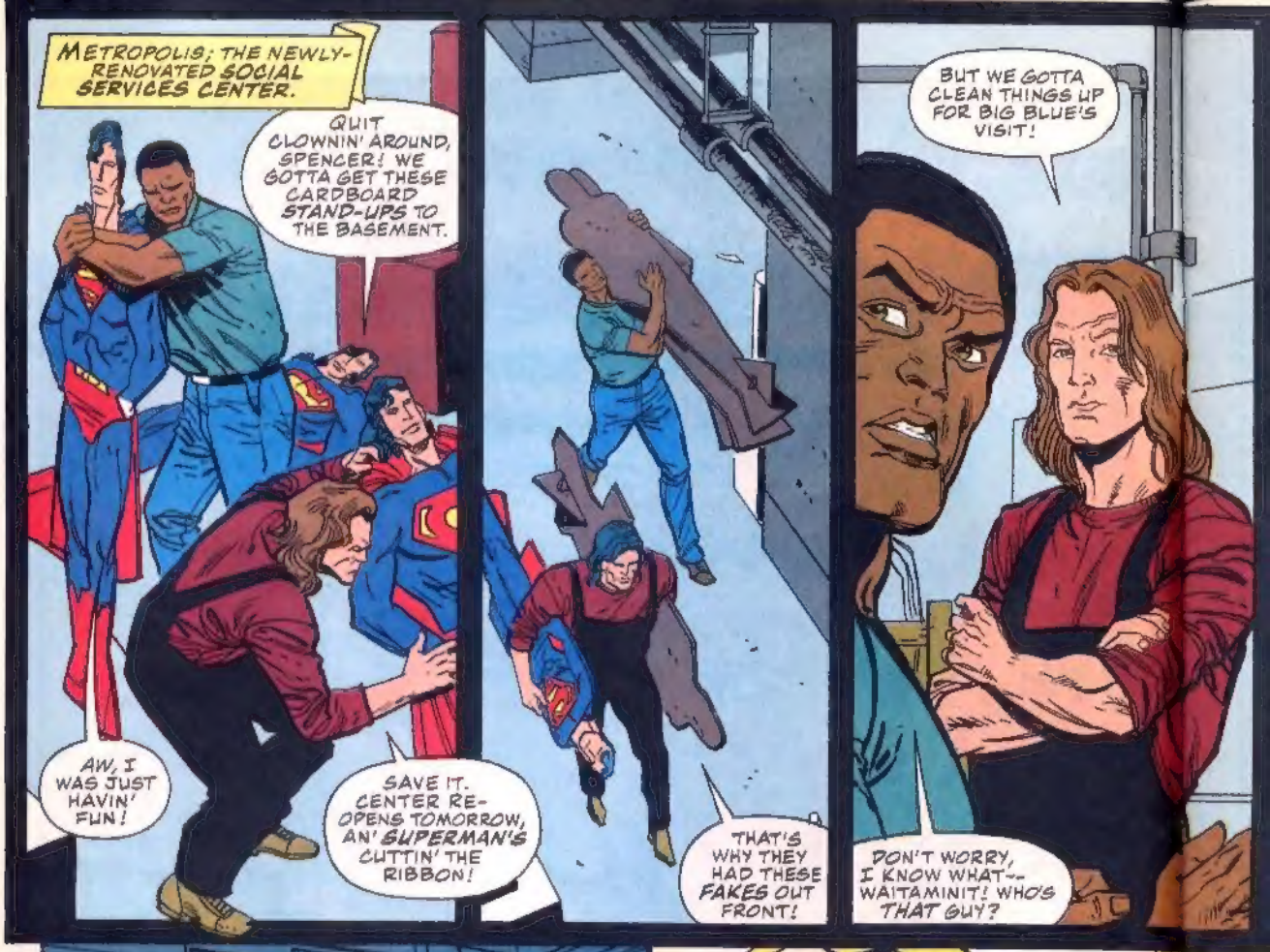
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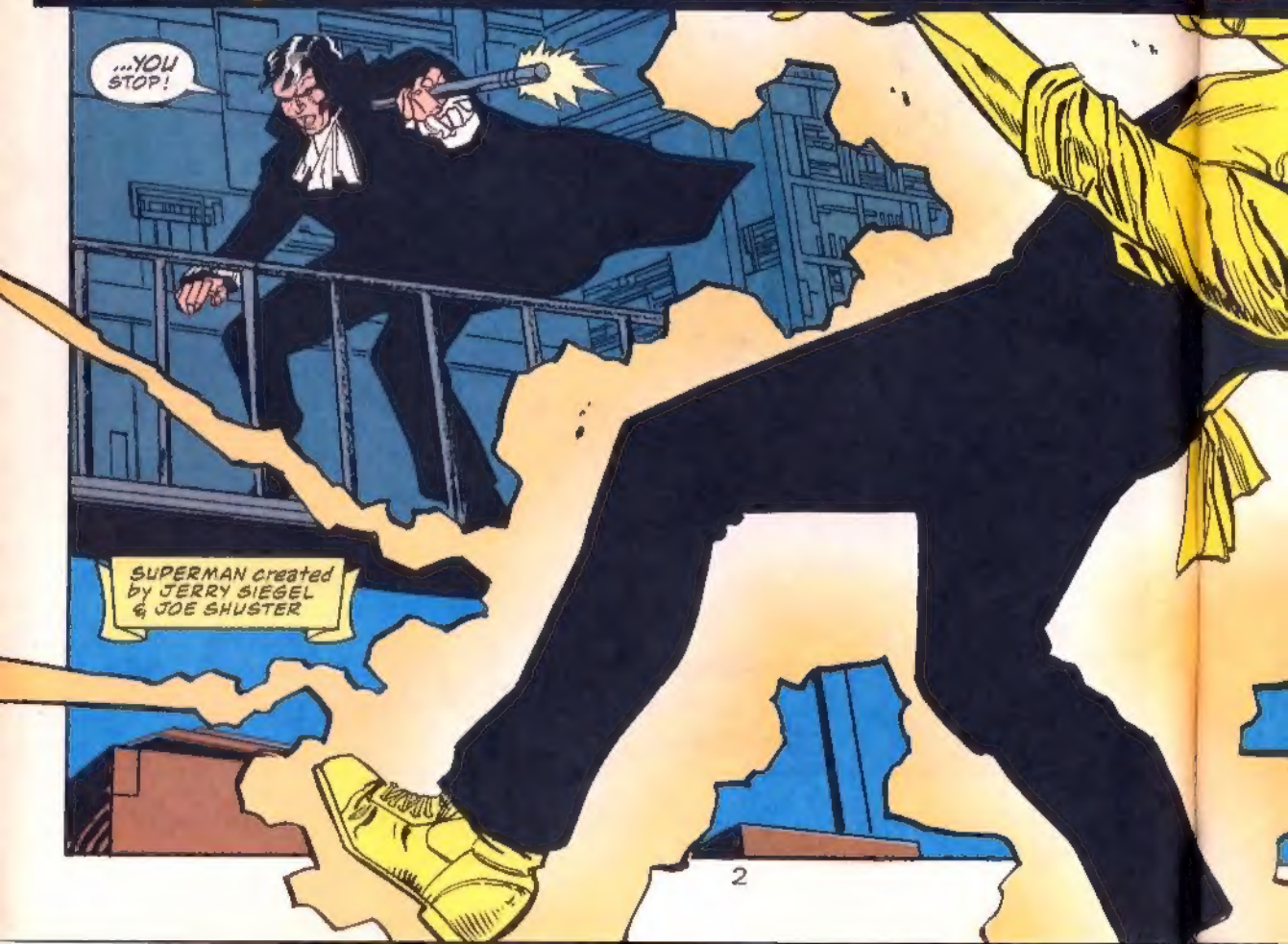
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GOOD. STASIS SHACKLES WORK PERFECTLY. THEY WON'T ESCAPE!

AND TOMORROW--

-- NEITHER WILL SUPERMAN!

MORNING.

HOW 'BOUT IT, CLARK? --THE RETRO DON JOHNSON LOOK?

NAH!

BETTER USE REFLECTED HEAT VISION TO SCRAPE MY STUBBLE.

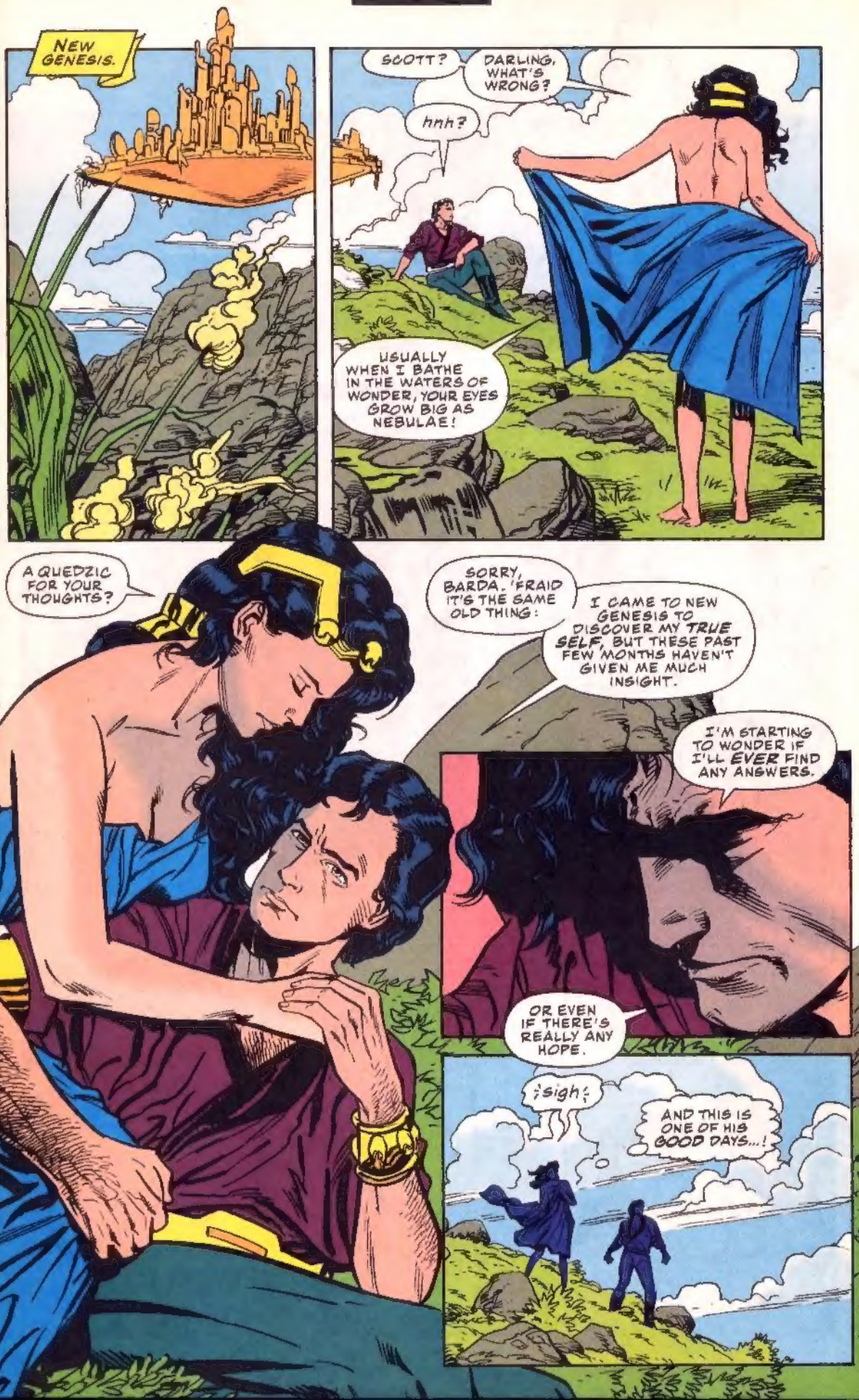
LOIS LIKES ME CLEAN-SHAVEN!

"LOIS..."

NICE THOUGHT TO START THE DAY.

'COURSE, WHEN WE'RE MARRIED, IT'LL BE MORE THAN A *THOUGHT!* AND THAT'LL BE JUST--

--SUPER!


NEW GENESIS.
SCOTT?
DARLING, WHAT'S WRONG?
hmh?
USUALLY WHEN I BATHE IN THE WATERS OF WONDER, YOUR EYES GROW BIG AS NEBULAE!
A QUEDZIC FOR YOUR THOUGHTS?
SORRY, BARDA. 'FRAID IT'S THE SAME OLD THING:
I CAME TO NEW GENESIS TO DISCOVER MY TRUE SELF, BUT THESE PAST FEW MONTHS HAVEN'T GIVEN ME MUCH INSIGHT.
I'M STARTING TO WONDER IF I'LL EVER FIND ANY ANSWERS.
OR EVEN IF THERE'S REALLY ANY HOPE.
;sigh;
AND THIS IS ONE OF HIS GOOD DAYS...!

EARTH...

ALLY

RUNNING LATE! MADE A LITTLE *DETOUR* ON MY WAY TO THE *DAILY PLANET*! BETTER CHANGE TO MY CIVILIAN--

--CLOTHES--

--FAST!

HEY, CLARK! WAIT UP!

I HEARD YOU AND LOIS WERE TAPPED TO REPRESENT THE *PLANET* AT THAT CRIME REPORTERS CONVENTION ON *MAUI*, BUT YOU BOTH BEGGED OFF!

MAN, IF IT'D BEEN ME, I'D'VE HAD MY *SPEEDOS* PACKED BEFORE THE INK DRIED ON MY TICKET!

heh! 'FRAID DUTY CALLS, RON! I HAVE TO COVER THAT SOCIAL SERVICES CEREMONY TODAY!

BUT THE ONLY THING SPECIAL ABOUT THAT IS *SUPERMAN*, AND YOU'VE SEEN HIM A MILLION TIMES!

MAYBE, BUT I'VE A FEELING THAT IF I'M NOT THERE--

--IT JUST WON'T BE THE *SAME*!

"EVISSERATE"?

"EVIGURATE"?

OH, HECK... "DISEMBOWEL"!

mmm, WHAT SMELLS GOOD?

C'MON, CLARK!

I'VE BEEN AT THIS DESK SINCE SIX A.M.! YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO BE AS FRESH AS A--

--BRIDWELLA ORGANIS?

CLARK, IT'S BEAUTIFUL! BUT *BRIDWELLAS* DON'T GROW IN HOTHOUSES!

WHERE'D YOU GET ONE IN MID-WINTER?

KAUAI.

I HATE YOU.

DON'T BE JEALOUS, LOIS. MAYBE WE'LL GO TO HAWAII ON OUR HONEY-MOON. MEAN-TIME--

--YOU COULD'VE TAKEN THAT *CONVEN-TION* ASSIGN-MENT.

I STILL *LOVE* YOU...

...BUT I HATE YOU.

unh-uh! THINGS ARE REALLY HEATING UP ON MY SERIAL KILLER STORY!

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS:

PLANET RECEIVED IT AFTER SENATOR FULTON WAS KILLED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE--*

DEATH TO ALL DECEIVERS IS AT HAND! VENGEA IS MINE!! SAVIOU

*LAST ISSUE.

--AND WE GOT ANOTHER ONE WHEN THAT D.A.S.H. AGENT WAS MURDERED--

--AND TWO MORE BEFORE THAT!

MY POLICE SNITCH TELLS ME AN ARREST COULD COME AT ANY TIME--

GREAT!

--AND I HAVE TO BE HERE TO COVER IT!

BUT WHY'D *YOU* TURN DOWN A WEEKEND IN THE LAND OF GRASS SKIRTS AND MEGA-SUNBLOCK?

SAME AS YOU, HON: WORK, WORK, WORK!

MATTER OF FACT, IN ABOUT TEN MINUTES I HAVE TO BE SOMEWHERE TO BREAK A RIBBON!

JUST DON'T BREAK MY HEART.

NEVER.

DOOLEY SQUARE, TEN AND A HALF MINUTES LATER.

--CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH, SUPERMAN, FOR MAKING THIS SPECIAL DAY EVEN *MORE* SPECIAL!

I'M HONORED TO BE HERE, MAYOR BERKOWITZ.

SHALL WE BEGIN?

INDEED. THE BUILDING'S BEEN CLEARED, MY FRIEND, AND BY LEADING THESE CHILDREN IN AS THE FIRST *OFFICIAL* VISITORS--

--YOU'LL SYMBOLIZE THEIR PASSAGE INTO A NEW LIFE OF LESSENED HARDSHIP!

INTO A BRIGHTER *FUTURE* FOR US ALL!

MAUI IS NICE, BUT I DOUBT THAT EVEN A TROPICAL SUN COULD MAKE ME FEEL AS WARM AS I WILL WHEN I CUT THIS RIB--

--HUH? OTHER SIDE LACED WITH MICROCIRCUITRY!

KRRZZZT

NOW THE RIBBON'S MOVING, WRAPPING AROUND MY ARMS AND LEGS!

TRIGGERED BY THE BREAKING CIRCUITS?

WEIRD, BUT NOT DANGEROUS I'LL JUST SNAP THE RIBBONS AND SEE WHAT--

THEY WON'T BREAK!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

NOW THEY'RE RETRACTING, DRAGGING ME INSIDE!

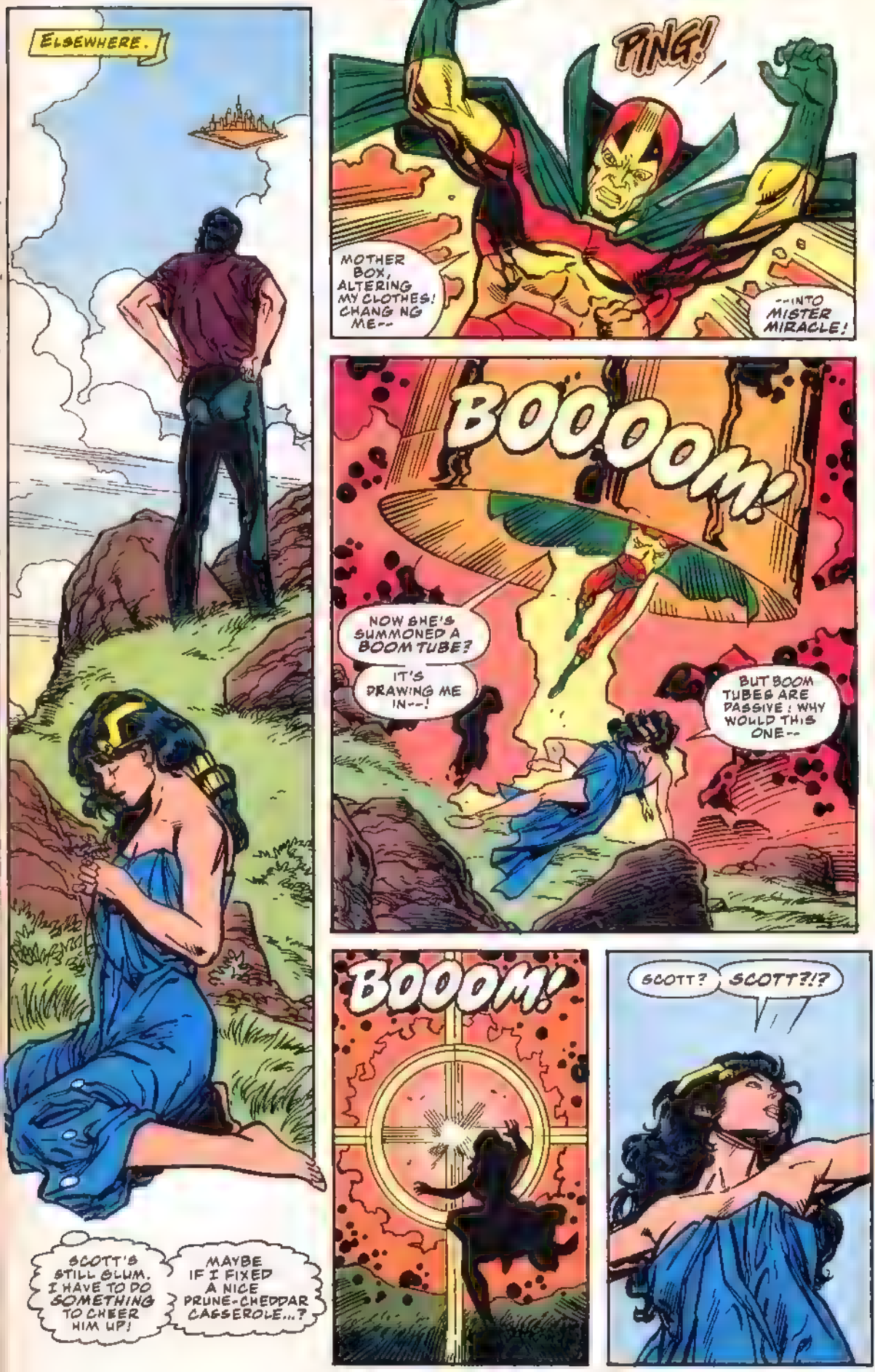
AND METAL SHUTTERS ARE SLIDING DOWN OVER THE DOORWA--

SKLANG!

M-MOMMY?

WHAT HAPPENED TO SOOPY-MAN?

I... I DON'T KNOW, SWEETHEART!


ELSEWHERE.
PING!
MOTHER BOX, ALTERING MY CLOTHES! CHANG NG ME--
--INTO MISTER MIRACLE!
BOOOOM!
NOW SHE'S SUMMONED A BOOM TUBE?
IT'S DRAWING ME IN--!
BUT BOOM TUBES ARE PASSIVE; WHY WOULD THIS ONE--
SCOTT'S STILL GLUM. I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO CHEER HIM UP!
MAYBE IF I FIXED A NICE PRUNE-CHEDDAR CASSEROLE...?
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SCOTT?
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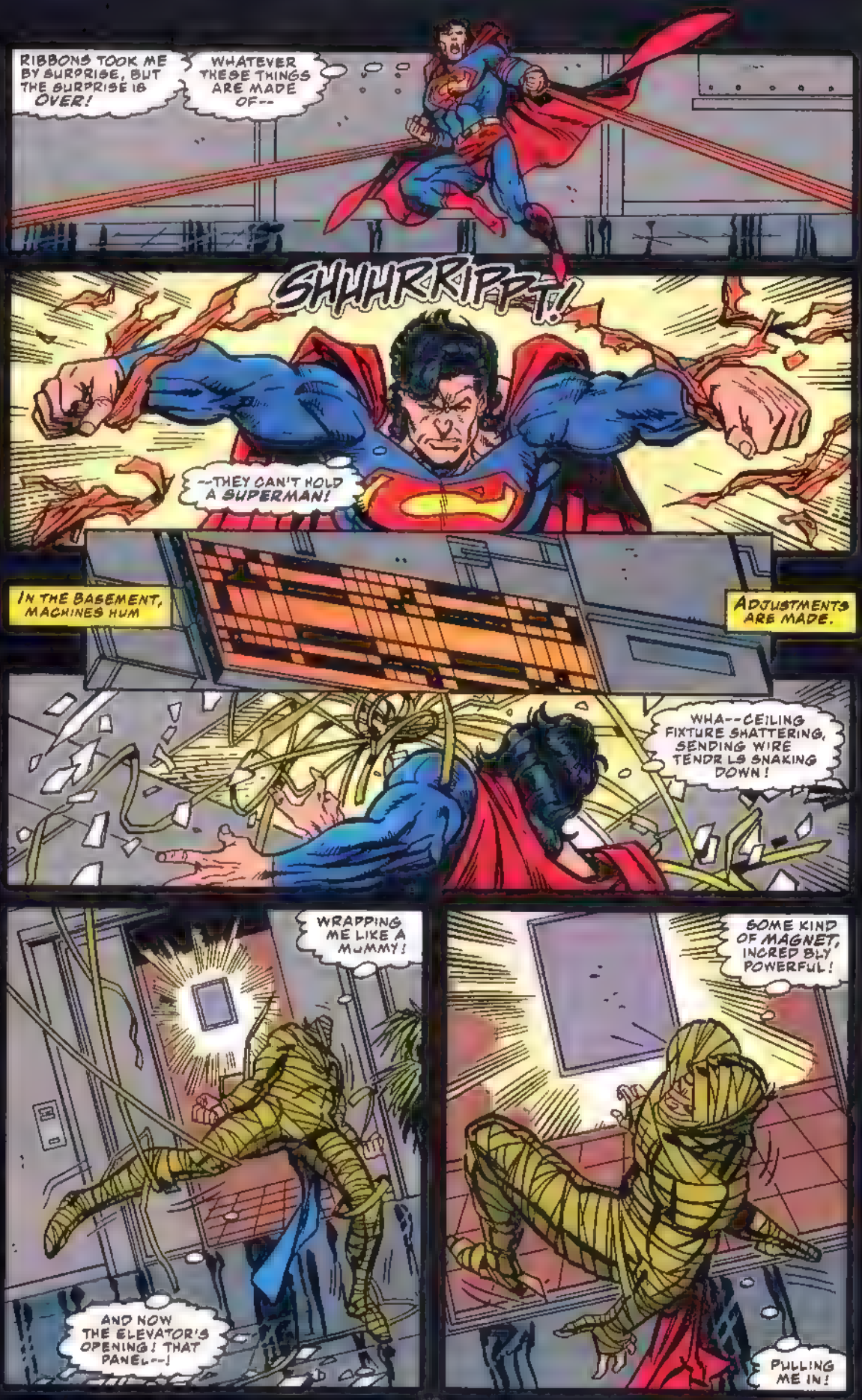
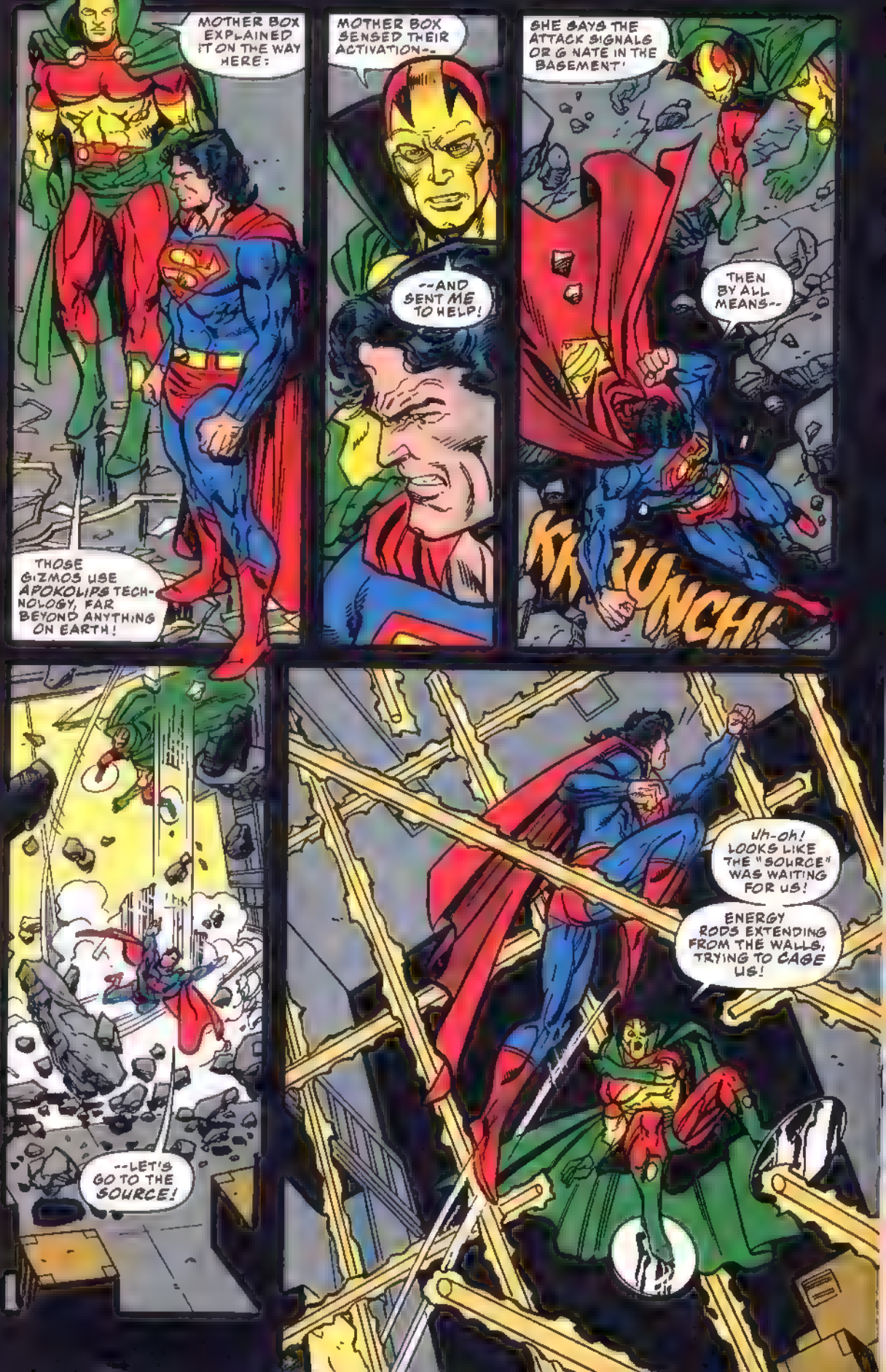

RIBBONS TOOK ME BY SURPRISE, BUT THE SURPRISE IS OVER!
WHATEVER THESE THINGS ARE MADE OF--
SHUHRRIPP!
--THEY CAN'T HOLD A SUPERMAN!
IN THE BASEMENT, MACHINES HUM
ADJUSTMENTS ARE MADE.
WHA--CEILING FIXTURE SHATTERING, SENDING WIRE TENDRILS SNAKING DOWN!
WRAPPING ME LIKE A MUMMY!
AND NOW THE ELEVATOR'S OPENING! THAT PANEL--!
SOME KIND OF MAGNET, INCREDIBLY POWERFUL!
PULLING ME IN!

BOOM!
PING!
PING!
WHO-- SUPERMAN?
GOTCHA, MOTHER BOX! HAVE TO CREATE A REVERSE MAGNETIC FIELD! THAT SHOULD CAUSE THE METAL THAT'S BINDING SUPERMAN--
PING PING PING
--TO BE REPELLED INSTEAD!
SPRAKARRAK!
YOU OKAY?
THANKS TO YOUR TIMELY APPEARANCE, SCOTT!
BUT WHAT'S GOING ON? HOW COULD I BE THREATENED BY RIBBON AND WIRE?!


MOTHER BOX EXPLAINED IT ON THE WAY HERE:
THOSE GIZMOS USE APOKOLIPS TECHNOLOGY, FAR BEYOND ANYTHING ON EARTH!
MOTHER BOX SENSED THEIR ACTIVATION--
--AND SENT ME TO HELP!
SHE SAYS THE ATTACK SIGNALS OR G NATE IN THE BASEMENT!
THEN BY ALL MEANS--
KR UNCH!
--LET'S GO TO THE SOURCE!
UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE THE "SOURCE" WAS WAITING FOR US!
ENERGY RODS EXTENDING FROM THE WALLS, TRYING TO CAGE US!

SUPER-SPEED GOT ME CLEAR--
--BUT SCOTT'S PENNED!
THESE MACHINES MUST BE CONTROLLING THINGS! SHOULDN'T TAKE MORE THAN A SECOND TO SMASH THEM TO--
--HUH? METAL GROWING AROUND MY FIST, HOLDING ME TIGHT! I'M--
--TRAPPED!
MAYBE POWER BLASTS WILL--
--WHOA! "BARS" ARE VIBRATING, DEFLECTING THE BLASTS!
NOT GOOD!

HEAT VISION! YEAH! MELT THE METAL AWAY FROM--

'B'

--uh-uh! MACHINE PARTS RE-FORMING! HEALING THEMSELVES AS FAST AS I BURN THEM!

I HATE APOKOLIPS...!

CAN'T BREAK WHAT WE CAN'T HIT! hmm... MOTHER BOX!

RING

GENERATE A COUNTER-VIBRATION! THAT SHOULD NEGATE THE BARB' REFRACTIVE PROPERTIES--

KATREEESH!

--AND MAKE THEM VULNERABLE TO A LITTLE BRUTE FORCE!

SUPERMAN! TRY HEAT VIS ON AGAIN!

BUT--!

MOTHER BOX'LL SET UP A MAGNIFICATION FIELD, MULTIPLY THE THERMAL ENERGY!

I GET IT! TOO MUCH HEAT FOR EVEN A LIVING MACHINE TO THROW OFF!

SSSHHASSS

THANKS, SCOTT-- AGAIN! LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE WITH A VERY NASTY MIND IS OUT TO CAPTURE ME!

ANY IDEA WHO?

NO, BUT MAYBE IF WE EXAMINE THESE MACHINES--

Wrrrr

pleep

--eh?

TRIP SENSOR! SHACKLE PLATES SWINGING UP FROM THE FLOOR! SCOTT--!

CAUGHT TOO, BLAST IT!

NOW WE'RE BEING SHOVED NTO AN ELEVATOR!

RIGHT WHERE THAT MAGNET WAS PULLING ME!

BUT WHY--?

KRROOHR!

CHKASH!

:gasp:

OH.

SSHROOOOOMM

STRYKER'S ISLAND MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON.
BAKAM!
FREE!
SSSSSSSSS
FREE!
OH, LORD! HE'S ESCAPED!
PERKINS! WHAT HAPPENED?
I--I DON'T KNOW! I ENTERED THE CONTAINMENT TO CHANGE LOCK CODES, I-LIKE I DO EVERY DAY!
AND--?
H-HE JUST SAID, "DON'T BOTHER!" THEN...
...THE WORLD WENT WHITE! CHARLIE, G-GET ME A DOCTOR, WILLYA?
I CAN'T SEE

MY POWERS CONTINUE TO EVOLVE BEYOND MY WILDEST DREAMS!
IT TOOK TIME AND EFFORT, BUT I WAS ABLE TO MANIPULATE THE LASER LOCKS ON MY CELL--
--WITHOUT EVEN TOUCHING THEM!
AND POWER IS JUST WHAT I'LL NEED TO GET JUSTICE! TO TAKE REVENGE ON THE MONSTER WHO MADE ME WHAT I AM TODAY!
TO PAY BACK THAT TWO-FACED FIEND CALLED--
SUPERMAN FILE
--CLARK KENT!

THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

G-FORCE IS INCREDIBLE! WE MUST'VE TRAVELED *THOUSANDS* OF MILES IN A FEW MINUTES!

SUPER-STRENGTH, HEAT-VISION-- IT'S JUST NOT ENOUGH! WE'VE GOT TO--

AND WE STILL AREN'T ANY CLOSER TO BUSTING *OUT* OF THIS CONTRAPTION!

--WHNG!

ROCKET STOPPED! ON A *DIME!* WHA--

--agk! NOW THE WALLS ARE BLOWING APART, DROPPING US!

YEAH! R-RIGHT INTO THAT--

--VOLCANO!

EASY! MY FLIGHT ABILITY SHOULD KEEP US HOVERING-- FOR NOW!

WAITASEC! THE FALL SHIFTED THINGS AROUND!-- I CAN SEE A LOCK --A *MECHANICAL* LOCK!

MAYBE THE DESIGNER HAD A SOFT SPOT FOR TRADITION!

YOU CARRY *PICKS* IN YOUR COSTUME, RIGHT?

HEY, DOES CLINTON LIKE FRIES?

BUT I CAN'T ABANDON *YOU*--!

Skrik Skrik

FREEING *YOURSELF* WILL FREE ME, TOO! JUST DO IT!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND, AND I DON'T *LIKE* IT, BUT...

...DONE!

HUH? HE'S FLYING STRAIGHT *AT* THE VOLCANO! PICKING UP SPEED WITH EVERY FOOT!

IS HE *NUTS*?!

KAWAAM!

JUST... AS I HOPED. COMBINATION OF SPEED AND IMPACT... SHATTERED THE SHACKLES!

BUT SCOTT... NEVER WOULD HAVE SURVIVED!

NOW TO FIND OUT-- HUH?

THOSE MACHINES! LOOK LIKE--

--hngh! FORCE FIELD... JUST LIKE BEFORE!

YOU--!

WELCOME, SUPERMAN! SO GOOD OF YOU TO COME!

YOU'RE ABOUT TO DO MORE FOR MY CAREER THAN A THIRTY-SECOND AD DURING THE SUPERBOWL!

AND THIS TIME YOU WON'T ESCAPE -- AT LEABT, NOT ALIVE --FROM--

--DEATHTRAP!

DON'T MISS MAN OF STEEL #43
ON SALE NEXT WEEK